

the area of the Bumla Pass in the Eastern Sector and the area of the Sponger Gap in the Western Sector to facilitate contacts between the border personnel on each side.

Commercialisation of Oil Palm Plantation

4760. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there Oil palm plantations would be commercialized;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the States where these plantations are likely to be commercialized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) States having potential for commercial development of oil palm are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Gujarat and Goa.

Use of Human Excreta as Manure for Crops

4761. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether human excreta contains higher percentage of Nitrogen than chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some foreign countries use the human excreta to provide Nitrogen to plants;

(d) if so, which are those countries;

(e) whether the Government propose to make use of human excreta of the urban areas to grow crops; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d). In countries like China, compost is prepared by mixing garbage (70-80% by weight) and night soil (20-30% by weight) for its use in Agriculture production.

(e) and (f). There is no plan to separately collect human excreta for composting.

Traffic Conditions in Capital

4762. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan to improve the traffic conditions in the Capital,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total funds earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Amongst the various plans and measures to improve traffic conditions in Delhi are (i) development of foot paths for use by cyclist and pedestrians (ii) improvement of the arterial and sub arterial roads; (iii) improvement of bus transport